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SUBJ: FY-1976 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL FOR FIVE MINSISTRY OF EDUCATION

TOP OFFICIALS, PARTIAL IV PER DIEM GRANTS

1. GROWING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, MINISTER OF EDUCATION HAS PROPOSED COVER TRAVEL COSTS FOR US EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL TOUR FOR FIVE TOP OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY. THEREFORE NOMINATE FOR 22-DAY GRANT, PER DIEM OF DLR35 ONLY, FOLLOWING FIVE OFFICIALS: EMANUELE CARUSO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RESERACH AND PLANNING; SEBASTIANO SCARCELLA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS; GIOVANNI TRAINITO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS; ROBERTO DI ANTONIIS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION; PIERLUIGI BONGIOVANNI, STATISTICAL ADVISOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND PLANNING.

2. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL DATE SEPTEMBER 7 SUNDAY EVENING FOR PROGRAM BEGINNING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, WITH RETURN TO ROME O/A SEPTEMBER 30. NAME CHECKS PENDING. ALL WILL HOLD ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL ROME/LOS ANGELES.

3. FORWARDING PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS VIA AIRGRAM THIS DATE. IN WASHINGTON WILL SUGGEST THREE BASIC POINTS: FIRST, OVERVIEW OF ENTIRE US SYSTEM, STRESSING DECENTRALIZED STRUCTURE AND FINANCING. THIS CRUCIAL FOR OFFICIALS FROM CENTRALIZED ITALIAN SYSTEM AND ESPECIALLY INTERESTING, GIVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENT TRENDS TOWARDS REGIONALIZATION. SECOND, STUDY OF

RELATIONS BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ON QUESTIONS OF EDUCATION AND ON RELATIONSHIP OF US POLITICAL PROCESS TO TECHNICAL DECISIONS IN EDUCATION POLICY, WITH STRESS ON HISTORICALLY MINIMAL ROLE OF FEDERAL CENTER. THIRD, INITIAL INSIGHTS INTO VAST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISSUES CONFRONTING US HIGHER EDUCATION AS OPPOSED TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION. AFTER WASHINGTON, SUGGEST VISIT TO THREE TYPICAL STATE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA, WITH CAREFUL ATTENTION TO COVERING BOTH SIDES OF VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL DICHOTOMIES, E.G. RURAL AND URBAN, BIG AND SMALL, EXPERIMENTAL AND TRADITIONAL, AND IN UNIVERSITIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FINANCING.

4. GIVEN HIGH CALIBRE OF THIS GROUP, URGE PROGRAM CONCEPT BE GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT, PERHAPS UTILIZING RICH WASHINGTON RESOURCES LIKE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, FRANK LASSEN AT AACTE AND BILL SHANNON AT AAJCC.VOLPE

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